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SUBJECT: GRIEVANCE LEGISLATION: CARIBBEAN WORKSHOP

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1. DEPARTMENT IS ORGANIZING IN WASHINGTON, A ONE-DAY, BUREAU-FUNDED WORKSHOP ON NEW GS GRIEVANCE LAW AND IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL STATE/AID/USIA PERSONNEL (EXCLUDING FSL'S). ARA BUREAU WISHES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF PRESENCE OF INVITEES IN WASHINGTON TO HOLD A ONE-DAY CONFERENCE/CONSULTATION WITH SENIOR ARA OFFICERS.

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2. ANALYSIS OF ARA PILOT GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE WORKSHOPS

HELD IN LIMA AND MEXICO CITY ESTABLISHED NEED TO INCLUDE HIGH-LEVEL PARTICIPATION (INCLUDING USAID AND USIS WHENEVER POSSIBLE) IN ORDER TO ENSURE UNIFORM AND PROPER COUNTRY TEAM APPLICATION OF NEW FS GRIEVANCE LEGISLATION. THEREFORE, THIS INVITATION IS BEING EXTENDED TO EACH POST'S DCM (OR CONSULATE PRINCIPAL OFFICER), AS WELL AS ADMIN/COUNSELOR (WE ARE STILL CONSULTING WITH AID AND USIA). EXCEPTIONS ARE:

(A) CURACAO: PRINCIPAL OFFICER ONLY.

(B) GEORGETOWN: GIVEN SITUATION IN GEORGETOWN, BELIEVE CHARGE SHOULD REMAIN AT POST. ATTENDANCE BY INCOMING ADMIN OFFICER, PETER MORRISSEY, IMPOSES UNDUE INCONVENIENCE ON HIM AND FAMILY. SUGGEST INSTEAD GSO DON PIERSON.

(C) PARAMARIBO: POL/ECON OFFICER ONLY.

(D) PORT AU PRINCE AND SANTO DOMINGO: DCM ONLY, UNLESS POST WISHES SUBSTITUTE PERSONNEL OFFICER FOR ADMIN OFFICER, WHO ALREADY ATTENDED PILOT WORKSHOP.

3. SUBSTITUTIONS - DEPARTMENT HOPES THAT, DESPITE THIS UNEXPECTEDLY SHORT NOTICE, FOR WHICH WE APOLOGIZE, SUBSTITUTIONS CAN BE AVOIDED. HOWEVER, IF INVITEE CANNOT ATTEND, CABLE DEPARTMENT SOONEST TO PROVIDE NAME OF PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE, IF ANY.

4. ARA CONFERENCE/CONSULTATION - SEPT. 24 WILL BE DEVOTED TO A MEETING WITH ARA FRONT OFFICE, SESSION ORGANIZED BY ARA-LA/CAR, AND FREE TIME FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER BUREAUS AS NEEDED. SCHEDULE FOLLOWS SEPTEL.

5. WORKSHOP - WORKSHOP IS SCHEDULED TO MEET IN ARA CONFERENCE ROOM (6909) ON SEPT. 27:

1100 - 1230 HOURS - INTRODUCTION AND ANTECEDENTS TO
----- NEW GRIEVANCE LEGISLATION

1230 - 1400 HOURS - LUNCH

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1400 - 1515 HOURS - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

1515 - 1530 HOURS - COFFEE BREAK

1530 - 1630 HOURS - COMPLETION AFTERNOON SESSION

1630 - 1700 HOURS - Q AND A SESSION

6. TRAVEL/FISCAL DATA - CONFIRM SOONEST TO ARA/MGT BY
CABLE NAMES OF PARTICIPANTS, ETA, AND WHETHER OR NOT
EACH PARTICIPANT WISHES BUREAU TO MAKE HOTEL RESERVA-
TIONS. UPON RECEIPT THIS CABLE, ARA WILL CABLE TO
PARTICIPANT HIS/HER T.A. NUMBER AND FISCAL DATA, AND
HOTEL RESERVATION (IF REQUESTED). ROBINSON

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